

Budget, was sufficient for the abolition without any act, as there were none but State Lotteries. That this was the last Lottery in great Britain appears also from the fact, that, in 1826, Mr. Hume instituted an inquiry as to the allowances made to the commissioners of the *late Lotteries*, in consequence of their being deprived of their salaries by the discontinuance. From some of the statements made by investigating committees of Parliament, it was demonstrated that the taxes for the support of persons made paupers by speculations in Lotteries, amounted to more than all the revenue derived from them. It is also stated in some recent authentic publications—and the fact is illustrative of the general proposition,—that, since the abolition of Lotteries, the amount of deposits in Savings Banks has risen to the sum of fifteen millions of pounds sterling.

It is some years since the Congress of the United States, convinced of the evils resulting from the authorising of Lotteries, refused to grant a charter on the application of respectable and public spirited individuals, and for purposes of public utility, and it is believed that there is now no Lottery existing under the authority of any act of Congress, nor can any one be established or drawn in the District of Columbia.

The Legislature of the state of Alabama, according to late accounts, has, by statute, prohibited the sale of Lottery tickets in that state.

In Pennsylvania, a state which has and must continue to have a controlling influence on public opinion, in matters connected with morals and domestic policy, as well as politics, there has recently been a general movement in opposition to Lotteries. The report of a committee of the citizens of Philadelphia, appointed to investigate the evils of Lotteries, and to suggest a remedy therefor, presents an appalling picture of the misery, the poverty, and the crime, produced by the propensity to speculate in these ruinous games of chance. On a memorial to the Legislature, from the same committee, in behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia, a bill has been reported, and, it is believed, passed one branch of the Legislature, prohibiting the sale of tickets, and providing for the total abolition of Lotteries, in that Commonwealth.

The people of the state of New York, a few years ago, in their revised constitution, declared their disapprobation of Lotteries, and ratified a provision, whereby the Legislature was forever prohibited from granting any more charters for Lotteries, and providing that all such charters then exist-